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DEPT PLEASE PASS OAU COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, RH

SUBJ: ZAMBIAN DAILY MAIL PILLORIES MUZOREWA AS TOOL OF SMITH

REF: LUSAKA 0207 (NOTAL), LUSAKA 0145 (NOTAL)

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1. IN A JAN 27 EDITORIAL PAGE FEATURE ARTICLE, ATTRIBUTED TO ITS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, THE DAILY MAIL PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO DENIGRATE MUZOREWA AS A LEGITIMATE RHODESIAN NATIONALIST FIGURE. MUZOREWA IS LINKED WITH SMITH BY THE REPRODUCTION OF A STATEMENT, DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN SIGNED BY SMITH AND MUZOREWA ON AUGUST 17, 1973, IN WHICH THE SIGNATORS ACCEPT AS A BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS BRITAIN'S 1971 PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. THE ARTICLE ALSO ALLEGES MUZOREWA SIGNED ANOTHER SUCH DOCUMENT IN GENEVA WHICH MADE HIM THE BLUE-EYED BOY OF THE (SMITH) REGIME IN THE

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EYES OF THE NATIONALISTS. THE ARTICLE ASKS THAT THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE BE TOLD THAT MUZOREWA IS "HAND IN GLOVE" WITH SMITH AND HAS ABANDONED THE EMANCIPATION OF HIS PEOPLE TO BECOME THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER. FURTHER THE ARTICLE CITES RECENT SMITH STATEMENTS FAVORABLE TO MUZOREWA AS ESTABLISHING THE BISHOP'S DEFECTION. IT ACCUSES MUZOREWA OF BEING OUT TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE MANYIKA

TRIBE AND ATTRIBUTES HIS SUPPORT WITHIN RHODESIA TO THE PEOPLE'S  
MISTAKEN BELIEF HE IS LEADING THE GUERRILLA FORCES WHICH IN  
FACT HAVE REJECTED MUZOREWA AS A BLACK SMITH. SUMMING UP THE  
ARTICLE'S POSITION IS THE ACCOMPANYING CARTOON WHICH SHOWS  
MUZOREWA SITTING ATOP A KEG OF TNT WITH A BURING FUSE.  
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COMMENT: THE VEHEMENCE OF THE ARTICLE ILLUSTRATES THE HOW  
FAR THE GRZ IS PREPARED TO GO TO DISCREDIT MUZOREWA IN THE INTEREST  
OF GETTING OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE SUPPORT FOR THE FRONTLINE  
STATES' DECISION TO BACK THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. END CONFIDENTIAL  
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